

NDE Bulletin
September 6, 2012

SAVE THE DATE – 2013 State Data Conference

April 29-30, 2013 – Kearney Nebraska

2012-2013 NSSRS Calendar

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

A **new and improved** 2012-2013 NSSRS Calendar is now available and can be downloaded from the NSSRS Resources web page <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>

2011-2012 NSSRS Follow-up 1 – Submission window – Open August 23 – October 15

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School Enrollment, School Year = 2012-06-30

For 2011-2012 Dropouts and Summer 2012 Completers.

Year-end Special Education Snapshot, School Year 2012-06-30

For the purpose of providing Exit Reason values that match Enrollment Code values provided on School Enrollment.

2011-2012 Corrections will also be accepted for the following templates. Please note this is the last year that corrections will be allowed during this window. Student, Student Grades for courses completed during regular school year, Student Summary Attendance, Year-end Special Education Snapshot, Assessment Fact for NAI (Reading and Math), Title I Programs, Program Fact (Career Education, Early Childhood, Homeless, Interim), and Post School Survey.

2012-2013 NSSRS Fall - Submission Window – Open August 23 – Due October 15

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Student, October Student Snapshot (Snapshot Date = 2012-10-01), School Enrollment, October Special Education Snapshot (Snapshot Date = 2012-10-01) and Program Fact: Early Childhood.

2011-2012 NSSRS Follow-up 2 – Submission window – Open October 16 – November 7

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Title I Programs, School Year = 2012-06-30

For student served by Title I during summer 2012 who were not already reported during the regular school year.

Student Grades, School Year – 2012-06-30

For courses completed during Summer 2012

NSSRS Data Manager: Notice of Data Rediscovery

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As last year, prior to submitting 2012-13 data, a district's NSSRS Data Manager **District Approve** user must indicate understanding of data rediscovery requirements, which require NDE to make data submitted available to Nebraska postsecondary institutions (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 79-776), and to

other districts where a student intends to enroll*. This **splash screen** is the notification required under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA requires advance notification and development of the new P-16 data system continues.

Prior to any district access/submissions, the district administrator must do the following:

The District Approve (district administrator) user indicates understanding by clicking the **I Understand** button prior to any submissions. Other users of NSSRS Data Manager will only be presented with the option to click the **Close this Window** button until the district administrator clicks on the **I Understand for the first time**. All users will be presented with a notice of data redisclosure the first time logging into NSSRS Data Manager each day and must click the **I Understand** button in order to gain access to this system.

Reminder: 2012-2013 Staff Reporting - Due September 15

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State statute requires Public Districts, Nonpublic Systems to submit a Fall Personnel Report by September 15. The NSSRS Staff Reporting data collection is located under the Student & Staff (NSSRS) tab on the portal.

Special Purpose Schools (State Operated), Educational Service Units and Interim Programs (Rule 18s) should report during this timeframe too. The Staff Reporting System is open for 2012-2013, online entry and uploads are allowed. Corrections will be accepted through October 31, 2012.

2012-2013 Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection (CDC collection)

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Public and NonPublic systems report

Reporting for August 2012 and September 2012 will be collected together – Open October 1
Due October 10.

Collection is open monthly, due the 10th of each month, collecting data from the month prior for both public and nonpublic systems. Data collected includes number and reason for any long-term suspension, expulsion or excessive absenteeism of students; referral of a student to the office of the county attorney for excessive absenteeism; or contacting law enforcement officials, other than law enforcement officials employed by or contracted with by the school district as school resource officers as prescribed by LB 800.

2012-2013 SPED Collaborative Grant – Open September 5

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308 or pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

The 2012-2013 SPED Collaborative Grant application became available in the GMS on September 5. This application is due to NDE November 15.

Title I Distinguished Schools

Contact: Beth Zillig (402-471-2452 or beth.zillig@nebraska.gov)

Nominations are open for the 2012 Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program. Nominations will be accepted in the following two categories. Nominations are due by October 1.

Category 1: School that has exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two or more years

Category 2: School that has significantly closed the achievement gap between student groups.

See NDE Title I website for nomination form and additional information

(<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20I%20Part%20A.html>).

Title I - 101

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NDE Title I staff will be conducting Title I – 101 sessions at three locations. The sessions will be general in nature—covering everything from the inception of Title I to the kinds of services that can be provided, working with nonpublic schools, time and effort logs, and other topics pertinent to Title I.

Registration will be required (by October 1), but there will be no registration fee. See the NDE Title I website for registration information.

(<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20I%20Part%20A.html>)

Sessions will be held in the following locations.

Wednesday, October 3: Kearney – ESU 10

Thursday, October 4: Sidney - Western NE Community College

Wednesday, October 17: Omaha – ESU 3

Reminder: 2013-2014 LEP/Poverty Plans – Due October 15

Contact: Russ Inbody (402-471-4320 or russ.inbody@nebraska.gov)

Plans need to address the general requirements of Rule 15. Resources that may be of assistance in preparing your plans are:

LEP/Poverty Plan Resource Guides which can be found at

<http://www.education.ne.gov/povertyandlep/>

Rule 15 and the Rule 15: A Guide for Implementation located at

<http://www.education.ne.gov/natlorigin/>

2012-2013 Course Codes and Clearing Endorsements documents

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The 2012-2013 Course Code & Clearing Endorsement Documents and Tables are now available on the NSSRS Resources page under Program-specific Information.

2012-2013 Course Code & Clearing Endorsements (formerly Appendix D) (PDF)

2012-2013 Course Codes (Excel)

2012-2013 Course Codes with Clearing Endorsements (Excel)

2012-2013 Course Code List (PDF).

NCLB Qualified and Student Grades

2011-2012 School Year - Make Corrections August 23 – October 15

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Beginning in 2011-2012, data to determine a teacher's NCLB status is being extracted from the Student Grades template. Please be sure ALL teachers have been included on a Student Grades template, as

there are numerous staff members appearing as **No course or student grades data reported**. In doing some review of the Student Grades data, it appears that some Student Grades data was reported at the wrong location (i.e. all Student Grades Templates had location 001 rather than the appropriate location) and is therefore not matching up to the teacher's assignment. Please review the **NCLB Non-Qualified Verification Report** located in NSSRS Validation-Verification Reports (Staff) and make the necessary corrections between August 23 and October 15. Not doing so will affect your district's NCLB Qualified status percentages for 2011-2012, as well as the statewide data. This data will be displayed on the 2011-2012 State of the Schools Report

If HOUSSE forms are needed, submit by October 15. The HOUSSE form and instructions can be found at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%2011.html#NCLBTEacherForms>
Please contact Pat Madsen (402-471-4863 or pat.madsen@nebraska.gov) if you have questions.

Teachers Assigned Out of Endorsed Area or Level

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Beginning in 2011-2012, data to determine if a teacher is endorsed or not endorsed is being extracted from the Student Grades and the Student Templates. This data will not be used for meeting Rule 10 but is available for your review and for review by Approval and Accreditation staff. Please review and if necessary make appropriate changes to the Student Grades template. Remember, staff that are monitoring distance learning courses or web-based courses will show on this report, this will be resolved in 2012-2013 with an addition to the Student Grades template.

State of the Schools Report – Timeline

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State of the Schools Report Timeline	
August 23	NSSRS opens for NSSRS 2012-13 SY
August 23 – October 15	2011-12 Follow-up 1 -School Enrollment , School Year = '2012-06-30' including 2011-2012 - Dropouts and Summer 2012 Completers -Year-end Special Education Snapshot including 2011-2012, for the purpose of providing Exit Reason values that match Enrollment Code values provided on School Enrollment, Snapshot Date = '2012-06-30' -Student -Student Grades - Courses completed during regular school year -Student Summary Attendance -School Enrollment -Year-end Special Education Snapshot (Snapshot Date = '2012-06-30') -Assessment Fact for National Assessment Instrument student results (Reading and Math) -Title I Programs -Programs Fact: Career Education -Programs Fact: Early Childhood -Programs Fact: Homeless

	-Programs Fact: Interim -Post School Survey (School Year = '2011-06-30')
August 28	Due date for districts to submit corrections for NeSA Reading, Math, and Science.
October	Preliminary release of the State of the Schools report for 2011-12 SY to districts. AYP decisions posted on the SOSR Review 2012 Districts have 30 days to submit appeals of AYP decisions
November	Public Release of the State of the Schools Report for the 2011-12 SY

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

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We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

How to contact the NDE Helpdesk

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions. All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of these options.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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